

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Leonard L. Barnes, Pastor of
Washington Chapel CME Church.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should honor those outstanding citizens who, as individuals called by God to Christian service have sought to fulfill the will and purpose of Divine love by devoting their lives to the pastorate; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leonard L. Barnes, a minister of uncompromising love, stalwart devotion and deep religious conviction, is the pastor of Washington Chapel CME Church; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Drake University, Leonard Lee Barnes went on to obtain his Master of Theology from Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, and his Doctor of Humanities Degree from Lane College in Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barnes has served the pastorate of six churches in four states and his religious service experience has extended far beyond the pulpit of these churches to include Sunday School superintendent and teacher, teacher in the Epworth League, chairman of the Trustee Board, and president of the Senior Choir; and

WHEREAS, while espousing God's word, Dr. Barnes has shared his experience and wise council as Dean of a number of Leadership Training Schools, including the Paseo Leadership Training School, the Kansas District Leadership Training School, the Second and Third Episcopal Districts' Episcopal Leadership Training Schools, and the Ministers and Laymen's Ecumenical Institute at Lane College; and

WHEREAS, with his natural talent and unsurpassed leadership ability, he has been called to hold various distinguished offices with the Kansas-Missouri Annual Conference, the Southeast Missouri and Illinois Conference, the Jackson-Memphis Conference, the Church and

Community Investment Fund of Memphis, and the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many pastoral responsibilities, Dr. Barnes has managed to lend his formidable talents to the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, the C.M.E. Ministers Alliance, and Lane College as site director of continuing education classes; and

WHEREAS, ever one to shoulder the mantle of responsibility to his fellow man, Dr. Barnes is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the NAACP, the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the NAACP, of which he served as President, and the State of Colorado Committee to Oppose Discrimination, where he served as Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barnes' exemplary service to the pulpit and devotion to the betterment of each and every community in which he has resided has earned him a number of awards and accolades including Denver, Colorado's Man of the Year, Who's Who in the State of Colorado, Who's Who in the Division of Western States, Man of the Year Award from the Third Episcopal District for leadership in building Carter Temple C.M.E. Church, and the Outstanding Service to Church, Community, and Nation Award in the field of Christian Education presented by the College of Bishops; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many accomplishments in a life given over to the will of God, Dr. Leonard L. Barnes is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his lovely wife , the former Lucille Mann of Brownsville, Tennessee; a lady whose own walk with the Lord and culmination of great talents have led her to organize and direct a great number of music and youth programs at local, state, and regional levels; and

WHEREAS, it is the task of this Body to recognize those eminent citizens of this state who, in realizing God's purpose in their lives, have rendered an unparalleled dimension of service to this great state and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Dr. Leonard

L. Barnes for his exemplary service to the ministry, the Washington Chapel CME Church, and the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish him much continued success as he continues to meet the pressing needs of our brethren for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.